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**Governors State University  
Faculty Senate  
Minutes March 19, 2009**

**Senators (Present = X):**

<u>X</u> N. Adam	<u>      </u> H. Heino	<u>      </u> B. Parin
<u>X</u> E. Alozie	<u>      </u> M. Kasik	<u>      </u> L. Proudfit
<u>X</u> R. Bell	<u>      </u> T. Kelly	<u>X</u> W. Rudloff
<u>X</u> P. Blobaum	<u>X</u> T. Kim	<u>      </u> A. Sanders
<u>X</u> M. Bruce	<u>X</u> J. Klomes	<u>      </u> J. Simon
<u>X</u> B. Essex	<u>X</u> C. Luo	<u>X</u> E. Wignall
<u>X</u> S. Gandy	<u>      </u> G. Lyon	<u>      </u> B. Wilson
<u>      </u> D. Green	<u>X</u> R. Muhammad	<u>      </u> B. Winicki
<u>X</u> P. Guimond		

**Guests:** Provost Jane Hudak, Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu, Colleen Rock, Becky Wojcik, Daniel Cortese, Andrius Tamulis

**Call to Order**

Blobaum called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The agenda was revised to begin with the information items since there was not a quorum. Blobaum welcomed the guests.

**Administration Reports**

**President Report**

There was no report.

**Provost Report**

Hudak reported that the Faculty Development Committee has been established. The charge to the committee is to develop a short-term project/activity before the end of the year and to develop a long-term plan for faculty development. There are faculty development activities occurring in the colleges and divisions, but the faculty deserves an overarching faculty development plan. The committee will submit their plans to the Provost for review. The Provost recommended that the committee share their plans with the Senate to get its support. The Provost thanked the Senators who serve on that committee. The Diversity Council has been meeting. The Provost met with the committee to give them ideas about how to move forward to develop a plan to internationalize the campus, which would include creating a roadmap to infuse intercultural and cross-cultural ideas into programs through the curriculum. Hudak stated that ACE has been engaged for the last several years in doing research on the meaning of internationalization of a campus. A Senator suggested that the council should include discussion of faculty exchange opportunities, too. The council will also work on a long-term plan to address all diversity issues. HLC preparation is moving along. A rough draft of the self study was given to the Cabinet.

Provost Hudak resigned as Provost, effective March 31, 2009. She is excited to have the opportunity to join the faculty in the Art program. On behalf of the Senate, Blobaum thanked Hudak for her service as Provost and welcomed her to the faculty.

## **Executive Vice President Report**

Ejigu reported that the Governor's budget proposal as it relates to higher education and GSU is more positive than expected. The Governor recommended that the legislature restore the 2.5% that was rescinded in December and add an additional 1% increase for public universities. He also recommended that the supplemental appropriations, approximately \$1.3 million, for three ongoing GSU initiatives (MILE, Global Trade Center, and Center for Health Excellence) be added to the base. On the capital side, the Governor recommended funds for the E/F wing renovations and some repairs, approximately \$22.3 million. It is anticipated that there will be a lot of debate about the budget. The proposal includes increases in certain taxes and underfunding of some pension funds (just enough funds to cover active benefits). President Maimon continues to lobby with the legislators in Springfield and with local legislators. It is assumed that some stimulus funds will be included in the budget considerations. The GSU administration is working on different budget scenarios, assuming various levels of cuts. GSU should be in good shape as long as enrollment holds up.

The administration is negotiating with Chicago 2016, the organizing committee for the summer Olympics. Chicago is one of four cities being considered to host the 2016 Olympics. A final decision as to where the Olympics will be held should be made in October 2009. If Chicago is the host, there is a possibility that one of the events will be held at GSU, which would be the only venue in south Chicago. If that happens, the Olympics organization will construct a building on campus to house the event.

## **Faculty Reports**

### **University Curriculum Committee (UCC)**

Parin, Chair of UCC, was ill and unable to attend. Wignall, a member of UCC, reported that the committee continues to work reviewing courses.

### **Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)**

Gandy, a member of the committee, reported that APRC is reviewing proposals for certificates and a proposal to eliminate a certificate. Some of the documents have been returned to the programs with questions.

### **Educational Policies Committee (EPC)**

Essex, EPC Chair, reported that she had spoken with Karen Kissel about the audit finding that resulted in the need to propose a textbook policy. Kissel stated that the auditors questioned whether such a policy existed because the state statute that established GSU, 110 ILCS 670, states, "Sec. 15-45. Powers and duties. The Board also shall have power and it shall be its duty: . . . (3) To prescribe the courses of study to be followed, and textbooks and apparatus to be used at Governors State University;" Legal counsel confirmed that the Board delegated that authority to the President. The proposed policy clarifies that the faculty have the authority to select their textbooks and other educational materials. Section III A. of the proposed policy was revised to state: "A. In accordance with academic freedom, a tenured and tenure track faculty, instructor of record, has complete choice with respect to the required textbooks in the courses that he/she teaches." Julia Yang volunteered to take the place of Catherine Sori on the EPC. No action was taken at this point since there was still not a quorum.

### **Graduate Studies Council**

Blobaum reported that Mary Carrington agreed to be the third Senate appointee to the Graduate Studies Council. No action was taken at this point since there was still not a quorum. Blobaum stated that the College of Arts and Sciences faculty did not have the opportunity to vote for someone to sit on the council; rather, the dean appointed three people. The Provost agreed to make one of the dean's appointees, Karen D'Arcy, a Provost appointee so that the college could have the opportunity to vote. The dean decided to limit the voting to the division of science.

### **IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (IBHE FAC)**

Wojcik distributed a short report regarding the last two IBHE FAC meetings. Dianne Bazell assumed the position of Deputy Director for Academic Affairs & Student Success. The recently passed economic stimulus package and cost-cutting measures for the FAC meetings were discussed. Coalition Lobby Day is April 22. Wojcik's four-year term as the GSU IBHE FAC Representative ends this academic year.

### **Bargaining Unit**

No report.

### **PBAC Committees**

No report.

### **University Safety Committee**

No report.

### **Executive Committee**

Blobaum led a discussion about what the appropriate number of Senators from each college should be. Eric Wignall moved that the Senate suspend the bylaw that requires the ratio of Senators from each college to be one Senator for every twelve faculty members and to have four Senators per college, five at-large, and two from UL/DLMD. Essex seconded the motion. The discussion continued and the bylaws were reviewed. There was an error in reading the bylaws, which actually state "The elected membership of the Faculty Senate shall consist of twelve and half percent (12.5%) of the full-time tenure track faculty of each college. . ." The motion was withdrawn.

### **Action Items**

There being a quorum, the following action items were addressed.

### **Textbook Policy**

Gandy moved to approve the proposed Textbook Policy, as amended. Rudloff seconded the motion. Discussion from earlier in the meeting resumed. The motion was approved by majority vote. A Senator called a "point of order" that the vote should not count since there was still an unanswered question on the table. Blobaum ruled that the point of order was well taken, and the vote did not count. The discussion continued and all questions were answered. Wignall called to question. The motion was approved by majority vote.

**Appointment of Yang to Educational Policies Committee (EPC)**

Proudfit moved to appoint Julia Yang to EPC to complete the term of Catherine Sori, who resigned from the committee. Guimond seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Appointment of Carrington to Graduate Studies Council**

Guimond moved to appoint Mary Carrington as a Faculty Senate representative to the Graduate Studies Council. Muhammad seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Minutes**

The Senate reviewed the February 19, 2009 meeting minutes. Wignall moved to approve the minutes. Guimond seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Appointment of Gandy to Faculty Development Committee**

Klomes moved to appoint Sandy Gandy as a Faculty Senate representative to the Faculty Development Committee. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.